

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

~~STRIKER OF REINFORCED VEHICLE DOOR LATCH DEVICE~~
~~AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF~~ STRIKER

Please amend the paragraph spanning pages 2 and 3
as follows:

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A striker 10 according to the present invention has a longitudinal plate-like metal base 11 which is fixed to a vehicle body ~~(not shown in the figure)~~ 9 by a bolt or the like, and an approximately U-shaped engaging member 12 which is fixed to the base 11. A linear metal rod 14 (Fig. 5) which is used as the material of the engaging member 12 preferably has a round cross section with the same diameter at any portion, and first of all, it is cut to have a predetermined length. The cut linear rod 14 is bent by press work or the like, and is formed to be a U-shaped rod 13 which is composed of a first leg part 15 as an engaging side, a second leg part 16 as a support side, and a front connecting part disposed between the front end of the first leg part 15 and the front end of the second leg part 16. The first leg part 15 is, as shown in Fig. 4, engageable with an engaging recess 19 of a latch 18 of a vehicle door latch device to be attached to a vehicle door.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 4 as follows:

AD The rear ends 24 and 25 of the leg parts 15 and 16 are inserted into mounting holes 26 and 27 formed in the base 11, and after that, they are fixed to the base 11 by the front caulking flanges 28 and 29 and the rear caulking flanges 30 and 31 which serve to close the joint or seam between leg parts 15 and 16 and base 11. The front caulking flanges 28 and 29 are preferably formed before inserting the rear ends 24 and 25 into the mounting holes 26 and 27.